



DETAILED AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 is amended as follows:

1. (Thrice amended) An easy open, reusable, removable closure apparatus for a container having a terminal end with an orifice and a radially outwardly extending bead having an outer surface and a radially outwardly extending undercut, the closure apparatus comprising:

a cap portion having a top, a peripherally depending side wall comprising an inner surface that conforms to said bead outer surface and a radially inwardly extending peripheral lip that engages said bead undercut sealably securing said closure to said container, wherein a material housed by said container is secured in said container by said cap portion; and

a handle depending from said cap portion.

Claim 13 is amended as follows:

13. (Thrice amended) A method of opening a container using the easy open, reusable, removable closure apparatus for a container having a terminal end with an orifice and a radially outwardly extending bead having an outer surface and a radially outwardly extending undercut, the closure apparatus comprising:

a cap portion having a top, a peripherally depending side wall having a radially inwardly extending peripheral lip that engages said bead undercut sealably securing said closure to said container, wherein a material housed by said container is secured in said container by said cap portion; and

a handle depending from said cap portion, said handle further comprising an upper portion, a lower portion, and a fulcrum portion there between said upper and lower portions; the method

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comprising the steps of:

holding said container and the lower handle portion of said handle with at least one hand; and

depressing said lower handle portion toward said container until said peripheral lip disengages said bead undercut.

Please amend claim 14 as follows:

14. (Thrice amended) A method of reusing the easy open, reusable, removable closure apparatus for a container having a terminal end with an orifice and a radially outwardly extending bead having an outer surface and a radially outwardly extending undercut, the closure apparatus comprising:

a cap portion having a top, a peripherally depending side wall having a radially inwardly extending peripheral lip that engages said bead undercut sealably securing said closure to said container, a material housed by said container is secured in said container by said cap portion; and

a handle depending from said cap portion, said handle further comprising an upper portion, a lower portion, and a fulcrum portion there between said upper and lower portions; the method comprising the steps of:

providing a container; and

pressing said cap portion of the easy open closure apparatus firmly down over said bead until said peripheral lip engages said bead undercut.